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APPLICANT(S): Seung-hoon Lee et al.

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**FOR: SENSE AMPLIFYING CIRCUIT FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR
MEMORY WITH IMPROVED DATA READ ABILITY AT A
LOW SUPPLY VOLTAGE**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2005, Applicants provisionally
elect the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-8 and 18-27) with traverse.

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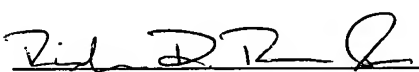

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While the devices of Groups I and II may be distinct as set forth by the Examiner, Applicants believe that simultaneous examination will not present an undue burden. For example, the claims of Group I are drawn to a circuit for use in a semiconductor memory and the claims of Group II are drawn to a sense amplifying circuit for use in a semiconductor memory. Both groups of claims are believed to be found commonly in class 365.

As such, Applicants respectfully disagree that the claims of Group II are drawn solely to a sense amplifying circuit in class 327 as indicated by the Examiner. Indeed, even if the claims of Group II are found in class 327, the class is referenced as being related to class 365. Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain the claims of Groups I and II in the same application. See, MPEP § 803.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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